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MEMORANDUM FOR FACULTY, STAFF, MEDICAL STUDENTS

SUBJECT: The M.D./Ph.D. Program at the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

ABSTRACT

This memorandum establishes guidelines for M.D./Ph.D. programs within the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). The M.D./Ph.D. Program is established to facilitate the education of superior, dedicated military officers in clinical medicine and biomedical research in the basic sciences in order to meet the requirements of the services.

- A. **Purpose.** This Memorandum establishes policies and procedures for USUHS medical students interested in being considered for acceptance into the M.D./Ph.D. Program.
- B. **Applicability.** The provisions of this Memorandum apply to USUHS medical students who are at the end of their first year of medical school until the beginning of the second semester of their second year.
- C. **Policy.** The M.D./Ph.D. Program combines outstanding clinical training, a rigorous basic science graduate program, and special, integrated M.D./Ph.D. activities that qualify students for careers in academic medicine, biomedical and clinical research, as well as clinical practice. The decision to enter this program is formidable and requires the student to dedicate 7-8 years to complete this challenging combination of medical and scientific training. Entering students must also demonstrate a high level of preparedness and outstanding academic credentials. Motivation and commitment to the goals of the program are equally important attributes.
- E. **Procedures.** See Enclosure 1.

  
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